



Agenda Item

City Council

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TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THRU: Rick Otto, City Manager

FROM: Thomas C. Kisela, Chief of Police

1. SUBJECT

Agreement with the County of Orange for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

2. SUMMARY

The eligible joint allocation amount awarded to the County of Orange is \$401,800 of which \$20,090 is allocated to the City of Orange. The County of Orange is requesting approval of an agreement that allocates the City's 2019 program funds as follows: \$2,009 for grant administrative fees to the County with \$18,081 retained by the City to purchase tactical communication headsets.

3. RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Approve the agreement with the County of Orange in the amount of \$18,081 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program and authorize the City Manager to execute on behalf of the City.
2. Accept into the City's revenue budget an \$18,081 grant from the County of Orange, into revenue account number 353.4011.45150.30129, Federal Grants-2019 JAG.
3. Authorize the appropriation of \$18,081 into expenditure account number 353.4011.55131.30129, Equipment - 2019 JAG.

4. FISCAL IMPACT

The total appropriations for this grant are funded by the additional revenue received from the County of Orange.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Goal 1: Provide for a safe community

- a: Provide staffing and resources to deliver services that ensure public safety.

6. DISCUSSION AND BACKGROUND

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to states and units of local government. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 (FY19), all recipients, either through direct award or sub-grants, were required to provide a properly executed certification related to 8 U.S.C §1357 and certain other federal statutes. An inquiry into JAG grant award conditions by the Orange County Sheriff's Department resulted in a delay in

allocation of JAG funds to all agencies. In July 2020, the U.S. Department of Justice approved the application for funding under the FY19 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Program.

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The Orange Police Department's 2019 jurisdictional project identified the need for tactical communication headsets for the Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team. Due to a delay of 2019 JAG funds, the Department purchased communication headsets in March 2020 through a budget modification of the 2018 JAG Program, award 2018-DJ-BX-0820. The proposed jurisdictional project for the 2019 JAG Program, award 2019-DJ-BX-0899, will require a budget modification once the award has been processed. The Department anticipates using 2019 JAG funds in the future to augment SWAT equipment.

7. ATTACHMENTS

- JAG MOU 2019-DJ-BX-0899